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English Essay

Topic:

The strengths and weaknesses of education through Open University.

Outline

1. Introduction

1.1. Hook / Attention Grabber

1.2. General statement.

1.3. Thesis Statement: Education through the Open University have many strengths such as low or no entry requirement, no age limit for getting admission, Cheap fee structure, reduces transport expenditure, flexible hours of studying, Self study and many more on the other hand, It has weaknesses example gradia Lack of social communication, technical difficulties, lack of practical knowledge, difficulty in staying motivated etc.

2. Main Body

2.1 Strengths of Education through Open University

2.1.1. Low or no entry requirement.

2.1.2. No age limit for getting admission

2.1.3. Cheap fee structure

2.1.4. Reduces transport expenditure

2.1.5. Flexible hours of studying

2.1.6. St Self-Study

2.1.7. Variety of Stud courses availability

2.1.8. No time limitation for completing degree in a specific period of time.

2.1.9. 100% Online courses

2.1.10. Reduces daily hectic routine of going university

2.2. Weaknesses of Education through the Open University.

2.2.1. Lack of face-to-face interaction

2.2.2. Lack of practical knowledge

2.2.3. Limited access to resources and support.

2.2.4. Lack of Creativity

2.2.5. Facing technical difficulties

2.2.6. No feeling of motivation / Difficulty in staying motivated.

2.2.7. No feeling of competition

2.2.8. Lack of practical knowledge

2.2.9. Become ~~is~~ isolated.

2.2.10. Attention diverting /

3. Conclusion

3.1. Thesis restated

3.2. General Statement.

3.3. Quote / Hook / Attention grabber

The Essay

"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you." - B.B. King

With the process of evolution, traditional approaches of doing something have been changed. Similarly education patterns has also be changed. Like in past people used to go to school, college, universities for education purposes, but with advancement the traditional educational pattern have changed. Now, there are many way to gain knowledge according to ^{ones} ~~your~~ preference. People get educated through staying

at home and by doing task given to them. Open Universities are the best way to become educated. As everything has two aspects good and bad similarly Open Universities have strengths and weaknesses. On one hand it provides facility in number of way such as affordable/cheap education, variety of online courses availability, flexible hours of studying, reduces transport expenditure etc. On the other hand it also have weaknesses such as lack of face-to-face interaction, lack of practical knowledge, limited access to support and resources, lack of creativity, facing technical difficulties, Difficulty in staying motivated and become isolated etc. However, Open universities is best option for those people who can not go to universities on daily basis due to some reasons.

To begin with strengths of education through Open university. Firstly, Open Universities have low or no entry requirement. It means if a person have low grade in previous academic back career he/she is still available to get admission. Sometimes, people got low grade in their previous academic year because of any mishap happened to them and they can't could not do well but they want to study more. So such Open universities like Allama Iqbal Open University provides opportunity to such students to get admission with low requirement and continue their studies again. Regular universities have higher criteria or

requirement for getting admission in their university. Those who got bad marks / grades in previous academic years due to any bad circumstance will become unable to take admission in such universities. So, Open Universities become helpful for them to continue their studies again. Therefore, low or no entry requirement help such students to continue their studies again.

Secondly, one another major benefit of Open University is that they do not ^{Almost} require any age limit for getting admission. Regular Universities have some age limit restriction for taking admission. But Open University have given great opportunity to students who have skipped or delayed their studies for some reasons can resume their education at any level of age. There is no age restriction in Open Universities to get admission.

Thirdly, Open Universities offer very cheap fee structure that is affordable to everyone.

Other universities offer 1 lakh + per semester which are unaffordable for a normal person. Education is the key to success and if it becomes unaffordable it causes many problems in the society.

Education plays vital role in the country's progress so it must be affordable as the Open Universities offer in affordable fee structure. So, that everyone can gain knowledge. It is one of major benefit by Open Universities that their fee structure

of variety of courses are cheap and cost friendly.

Moreover, Open universities help in reducing transport expenditure. Student face difficulty in daily transport expenses. Some universities provide transport facility to their students but they charge on it. And those who come from backward area on their own expenses it become very difficult for them to manage these expenses. Open University provide this facility in a way as lectures and course are done through online. Student have no need to come to university daily. They can get everything related to course (degree) online. In this way Open universities help students in reducing their transport expenditure.

In addition, Open Universities provide facility to students of studying in flexible hours. In university students are bound with teachers' lectures and time but through online open universities students get notes, lectures and material on their LMS system and they can study whenever they are free. It helps those students who did job and they cannot manage to follow the universities timetable so it help them, when they become free from their job they can access LMS and learn according to their degree/course. In this way, Open University is helping students to study in flexible hours.

Moreover, Open Universities provide facility of variety of courses and 100% online study. Student can access to variety of courses only by staying home. All the education in Open Universities is provided through the Online system. LMS is the best example for online system. Learning Management System students can access to lectures, notes, books material etc for their education. It helps students to stay home and study in their flexible hours when they want to do it.

In addition, One of the major benefit through Open Universities is that it does not require any time limit for completing degree. Usually, universities offer degree of 4 years programme but in open university there are no such restriction. Open University provide wide span of time to complete degree / course e.g usually 4-6 years degree program here 10 years degree program are available.

However, Open universities reduces the daily hectic routine of going university. Those students who come from far away areas they have to face difficulties in reaching university on daily basis. For example Universities like CUET, NUST, NUML there are number of students who come from far-away areas in which they face difficulty. Therefore, Open universities helps students to stay at in their home and reduces the hectic routine

of going university

Like previously said everything has two aspects good and bad. Open universities have number of facilities that it provided to student. Similarly, its weakness cannot be ignored. First of all, studying in open universities causes lack of face to face interaction. Regularly going university ~~as~~ help in building communication skills. When students meet with their fellows ask questions directly to teachers its help in improving their communication skills. But Unfortunately, ^{studying in} open university causes lack in communication skills of students.

Secondly, It also ~~as~~ limit students from access to resources and supports. Some time student need imigrate help from their teacher like during class or going university student can ask query directly to their teacher and find solution. but In online open university system it is not available immediately. Thirdly, ^{as} student uses internet connection for studying

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students have to face many difficulties related to technology. For example, in Online education Zoom meetings are held with teachers when teachers take class. If a student faces any technical issue, e.g. related to laptop or internet, it causes interruption in the studying process.

Moreover, students feel isolated sometime. When students study via online systems they become isolated. As they cannot interact with their fellows, teachers, it causes some bad psychological effects on them. Sometimes, students feel no motivation or face difficulty in maintaining their motivation. As when students meet with teachers and class fellows they become ^{more} motivated than studying alone. So it lacks in maintaining motivation of the students.

In addition, through open university study as it is ^{done} online. So it lacks practical knowledge in the students. In university, they have labs for practical

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working but staying at home and studying reduces the practical knowledge.

It is one of the major drawback of Open universities. Practical knowledge help students in when they go in practical field so it lack behind here.

Last but not the least, It reduces/lacking in the creativity of students. Students interaction with teacher and their fellows helps to build their creative abilities but when they study online / isolated way their creative skills lack behind.

x(With all the positive and negative aspect of Open University)x

To end with, that Open universities have many strengths like variety of courses available, cheap fee structure, no or low entry requirement, no transport expenditure etc. It is best way to gain knowledge for becoming better person. Although, it have some negative impacts too

But that can be ignored. Because education is the only way to become good person and to make better societies. So, Open Universities also contributing good and positive role in the development of Country. Lastly, "Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students." Solomon Ortiz.